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MEMORANDUM FOR: INR - Mr. Hughes

FROM: INR - Joseph Neupert *Jen*

At the Excom meeting on Friday, November 16, a request was made apparently by the President for some kind of analysis of the impact of the Sino-Soviet dispute (as it in turn was affected by the Cuban affair) upon the free world Communist parties. Last Monday a memorandum was prepared in OCI at the Agency in response to this request. OCI intended to clear this memorandum with State because they understood that a joint CIA-State memorandum was desired by Excom. Someone -- I think Ray Cline -- decided the memorandum prepared was not responsive to the Excom request which he interpreted to actually be a request for a joint State-CIA memorandum on prospects of the free world Communist parties in light of the Cuban affair. Given this confusion an emissary was sent to Brom Smith to find out what the request really was. The emissary took with him a draft terms of reference for what OCI thought would be a SNIE or a NIE on the present state of the Sino-Soviet dispute and prospects for the future. McGeorge Bundy apparently approved the tentative terms of reference without indicating whether he wanted a SNIE or a CIA paper. Brom Smith added an interpolation of his own to the effect that the memorandum should also have some consideration in it of what US policy should be in light of the Sino-Soviet dispute. He suggested that the President was really interested in whether or not we should exacerbate the dispute and what US policy, vis-a-vis Khrushchev, should be at this stage of world history (i.e., post-Cuba and semi post-India).

OCI now apparently believes it has a mandate to write a very policy oriented paper for the President on a unilateral basis. They do not propose to clear this with State.

I believe that we should go back to Brom Smith and make sure that either we have the same mandate to write the same

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paper CIA is writing or that the paper CIA writes is coordinated with us. The present deadline on the OCI paper is Wednesday next.

With Allan Evans' concurrence, I suggest you call Brom Smith this afternoon.

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